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Debug Formulas

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Debugging formulas can be frustrating, especially when they're complex ones containing several nested functions. Here's a backup strategy that lets you freely experiment with formulas and functions without losing your work or damaging a worksheet: before editing a formula, remove the equal sign from the beginning of the formula and press Enter; then copy the formula to another cell. Without the equal sign, Excel treats the cell's contents as plain text and copies the formula exactly as it appears, with no adjustments. If your experiments are unsuccessful, restore the backed-up formula by copying it to the original cell, then restore the equal sign.

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